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SUBJECT: SOUTH CHINA REPORTING OFFICERS CONFERENCE, Guangzhou,  
September 24-27, 2008

¶1. (U) Consulate General Guangzhou is pleased to announce that it will host the 2008 South China Reporting Officers Conference September 24-27, 2008. Consulate General Guangzhou welcomes attendance and participation from all addressee posts.

#### Topics of Discussion

¶2. (U) The conference will address a wide range of economic and political issues affecting the south China region:

##### Regional Integration

- Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao and beyond
- Investment flows - China to Taiwan, Taiwan to China
- U.S. missions' cooperation - Cross border and promoting American business

##### Regional Cooperation

- Anti-money laundering
- Transportation security
- Intellectual property rights

The Chinese diaspora - The role of overseas Chinese in south China and Southeast Asia

The SED in south China - what it means for development.

##### Cross-Strait Relations

- The view from Taiwan - Can it sustain the opening?
- The view from Beijing - International space for Taiwan...A dream or a coming reality?
- The view from Hong Kong - What the three links mean for the SAR
- The view from Guangdong/Fujian: Cross-Strait ties as a boost to economic development
- In Shanghai - Force for change? A different model of cooperation?

¶3. (U) Events will include a no-host welcome dinner on September 24, a reception on September 25 at the Consul General's residence and optional travel in the Pearl River Delta on September 26. A detailed itinerary will follow via email. Post extends an invitation to all participants to volunteer to lead a discussion session.

#### Logistics

¶4. (U) Coordination for the conference will be handled by Economic Officer Ashley Brady. Email: [BradyAL@state.gov](mailto:BradyAL@state.gov); Work phone: 86 (20) 8121-8000, ext. 5795; Fax: 86 (20) 8121-9001; Cell phone: 86 138-0296-2392. Please respond via email with confirmation of your attendance and plans to lead a discussion session.

¶5. (U) Officers should plan to arrive in Guangzhou by the evening of Wednesday, September 24, 2008. Conference participants will be

lodged at the Westin Hotel - Guangzhou, conveniently located next to the conference site. Rooms will be reserved, within per diem, for the nights of September 24, 25, and 26. Transportation from the airport to the hotel will also be provided. Please forward travel itineraries via email to Ashley Brady.

¶6. (U) Post appreciates your support for this conference and the contribution that each participant will make toward its success. We look forward to welcoming you to Guangzhou.

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